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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3175

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FOR SVENDSEN (AF/W) FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, SL (STEVENS, PRESIDENT SIAKA P.)

SUBJECT: STEVENS VISIT TO US - EMBASSY NEED FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

REF: FREETOWN 1469

1. IT WOULD BE MORE THAN JUST EXTREMELY USEFUL TO EMBASSY IF YOU COULD KEEP US CURRENTLY AND REASONABLY FULLY INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR STEVENS VISIT AND, TO EXTENT IT KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT, HIS ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS. INTEREST IN VISIT IS HIGH HERE, AND WE ARE DAILY RECEIVING MANY QUESTIONS WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER BUT CANNOT FOR LACK OF FIRM, AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION.

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT EARLY PRE-WASHINGTON PART OF STEVENS VISIT IS FOLLOWING SCHEDULE SET FORTH REFTEL. CAN YOU CONFIRM?

3. TYPES OF QUESTIONS WE RECEIVING RELATE NOT TO SUBSTANCE BUT TO MECHANICS AND SCHEDULE OF VISIT. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME WHAT APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED FOR STEVENS WITH USG OFFICIALS AND SCHEDULED TIMING THEREOF. SIMILAR INFO ON BANK/IMF/

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IFC APPOINTMENT USEFUL BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

WE CAN EASILY DUCK QUESTIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS,  
BUT NOT TO BE ABLE RESPOND TO LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS ON  
THE SCHEDULE HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING.

4. OTHER AREA OF FREQUENT INQUIRY WE NEED AUTHORITATIVE  
INFORMATION ON IS LENGTH OF STEVENS' INTENDED STAY IN US.  
WE HAVE HEARD FROM SOURCES IN COMMUNITY WITH ACCESS TO  
WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT  
MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART OPENING NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 28  
INSTEAD OF JUNE 2 BUT WE UNABLE CONFIRM ON BASIS ANYTHING  
OFFICIAL. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND ANY INFORMA-  
TION AVAILABLE ON EFFECT THAT CHANGE WILL HAVE ON LENGTH  
OF STEVENS STAY IN WASHINGTON AND IN US. WOULD BE EXTREMELY  
USEFUL, IF INFORMATION AVAILABLE, TO KNOW STEVENS' ONWARD  
TRAVEL PLANS, PARTICULARLY ANY INFORMATION ON TIMING OF  
RETURN TO SIERRA LEONE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WHILE  
EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS NOT WILLING GO FORMALLY BEYOND  
STATEMENT THAT STEVENS' PROPOSED VISIT TO CAIRO "IS IN SOME  
DOUBT," THEY HAVE TOLD SOME MEMBERS OF CORPS PRIVATELY  
THAT PLANS FOR JUNE 9-14 VISIT DEFINITELY POSTPONED  
BECAUSE SADAT UNABLE RECEIVE ANY VISITORS AT THAT TIME.  
AM INFORMING DEPT AND EMBASSY CAIRO BY SEPTTEL ON DIFFERENT  
SUBJECT.

8. APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.  
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